

Angoon Alaska.
Dec. 14, 1938

Rev. Russel F. Pederson,
Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear brother Pederson:

As Christmas coming soon our Local church sure busy of making out Programs.

The Young People's C.E. Society have elected its Officers for the year of 1939 and they are doing fine.

Also the Missionary Society is getting on its feet for our Local church, They are putting on coffee sale next week for expens of our church.

Mr. Parrott who is the husband of Angoon Public School Teacher from Klawock, Came in Angoon visiting his wife and he has giving our Angoon Pres. church great help of playing good music for us.

My daughterinlaw Catherine Johnson she's more than busy of directing A Play for Christmas and also Sunday School Program.

I have received tweenty dollars from my church members for two months salary. Would be fine if you would thank the Elders and members of our church.

The Salvation Army Captain Williams of Angoon Salvation Army has announced to have the Sunday evening services with us at our church, and they'll have theirs at three o'clock in the afternoon.

*and writing
thanking & saying
congratulations
again*
at every Sunday afternoon.

The C.C.C. men are busy of starting a good road for Angoon with tweenty men working.

One thing I like to ask you, Is it alright for Missionary to be in one of the Committees of the Wheeler Howard Act? I am appointed to be one of the Committees for Angoon, If that is not fair for me, I like to have your advise.

I always trys to stand clear from to be blamed, this is the reason why I am asking you.

Sincerely,

S.G.J.

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sorry on the
Comm. OK.*
Samuel G. Johnson.

*Narrative for
Angoon - Lagomk
Sam Johnson*

Angoon, Alaska.
January 14, 1939

Rev. Russel F. Pederson,
Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Brother:

Thanks very much for your letter which addressed to Angoon Church Session.

Again forwarding you the report of December and January, In this report you may notice the money part, The 8.64 and 2.93 which was 11.57 Should be ~~mix~~the amount contributed to National Missions. The reason I puted on other Benevolences, Because it was given to Swanson, This Offering was taken while he was showing pictures. But If this for other purposes it would be all O.K. with our Church. I didn 't asked Swanson about this, Because I thought that was taken by our church Treasurer, Until just now reported Treasurer has ~~reverted~~ to me. So please ask Rev.Swanson, for we will be glad to know how this Offering will be used.

I am very happy to report again that I received twenty dollars for other two months' salary from the Church members. Total amounted to \$40.00 with the first payment.

~~xTheexpesies~~

The Angoon people very much enjoyed wonderful Christmas Season this year, Every body were happy with Christmas presents, Children and all. The two stores here at Angoon Mr. Brandes and Mr.Soboleff ^{are} sure treat nice the people of Angoon on Christmas.

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Our Church ~~have~~ been enjoying large attendance this last month, We are trying our best for to influence young people to Church, Some Sunday evenings we have music instruments in our church which people seems to enjoy very much.

Mr.. Wanam aker is giving me a great help in the chur ch work this year, some times l would call on him to preach.

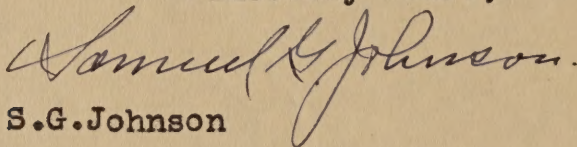
Mrs. Johnson and l are very much apprec iating your work this year,Especially the prayers which you are affording for us,. For we acknowledge greater blessings than has been before.

Thanking you thousand times for the little book called (To Day).

Also the M athew Henry's five books which you left here is sure giving m e great help in preachin g. l just wish l can get hold of books like this too in Gospels.

This is all l can tell you just now.

Sincerely Yours,.


S.G.Johnson

Angoon, Alaska.

~~xMayxxxx~~ June 4, 1939

Rev. Russel F. Pederson,
Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Brother:

Here I am forwarding you the last church report from Angoon up to June 4th. We had a fine Memorial Day Service our church was well attended.

Leaving for Cannery June 9 or 10, Address in care of Superior Packing, Tenakee Alaska.

figures

Also sending you the ~~figures~~ of Angoon Church the size of rooms adding. 40 ft. long by 10 ft. wide 11 ft. high adding one side of the church. on the upper end 6 ft. by 34 ft. 10 ft. high.

The Elders present the time we took the measurement of the church are Geo. Klushkan, Geo. James and Moses Jamestown.

The Elders think ~~\$500.00~~ Angoon Church have to ask the Board for \$500.00 to enlarge our church of Angoon. Also applying to Indian Affairs Office if they will give us 10 or 12 men from CCC to work on Church ~~xxxx~~ next year I mean beginning church year, if we can get money. I think the enlarging the church it going to cost us 700.00 to 800.00 dollars. We are adding 10 ft. wider to the whole church and 6 ft longer to the upper end.

We are all well and hoping you are the same. with regards.

Sincerely,

Samuel G. Johnson

Samuel G. Johnson

airmail

May 29, 1940

Mr. Samuel G. Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In order that everything may be cleared in your mind I am writing this letter to notify you we have appointed you as a lay worker for Angoon beginning in the fall. Your period of service will be the usual eight months time and we are guaranteeing \$500 for this period with the hope and prayer that it may be \$600.

I feel we are fortunate in having a man like you to carry on the work for us. You will please let me know whether or not this arrangement is perfectly satisfactory with you.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

ALASKA

MANIFESTO

Angoon , Alaska.

June 6, 1940

Everett B. King
~~156x~~Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. King:

Your letter of May 29th 1940 has been received with great pleasure.

Yes since the Good Lord wants me to remain to take care Angoon field, I shall do with the help of Almighty God help Angoon ~~xxxx~~ church.

For the last many years incharge Angoon church work, I have been taking care of my own house with expenses for up keep without asking Board of National Mission for repairs, while other workers have been getting extra money on their homes a side from their salaries.

This time begining next Fall I going to move into the house which the Board buyin g for Manse, we have been waiting ~~xxxx~~ for aproval of the deed for this house, I think it will be every thin g OK some time this summer.

I will need oil heating stove, Toilet outfit and bath tub for this Manse.

Fishing will be over 15th of October and the church work will start too the same time.

I realized ^{to} beginning this 1940 that I have stay Angoon for the rest of my life. They have appoin ted me to take c are Angoon Loan for Angoon Community Association. In last April I got my appointment from District Court Juneau to be Marriage Commissioner for Angoon. ~~So~~ At this time I again apreciate very much your kind words to me.

This is my daughterinlaw that teaching our Sunday School in Angoon, She is acting Sunday School superinten dent, I think she will write you a letter about our Sunday school.

Very Truely Yours,

Samuel G. Johnson
Samuel G. Johnson

June 19, 1940

AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel G. Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I was glad to get your letter of June 6 confirming the appointment for the Angoon field. I take it you are beginning your official relationship with the church as of October 15. We are promising the same amount of \$500 for the year. If it is possible we are going to try to increase that amount.

Please make a formal request for your oil heating stove, toilet outfit, and bath tub for the manse. Send it in to the National Missions Chairman, Mr. Pederson, at Wrangell.

I am anticipating a fine relationship with you during the coming year.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

ALASKA

Angoon Alaska.
Dec. 12, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. King:

I have been busy working on Angoon ~~Church~~ ^{C hurch} Manse, Putting in water pipe, Which pipe I have brought them over from SJS Sitka, School donated to Angoon Church. And putting in bathroom and Kitchen Cabinet. Bought bathtub and toilet outfit, and Oil heater.

The Angoon Church has been going fine and the Sunday School, this year.

Thanking very much for the salary which I have already received, this year, Also thanking the Gentleman who have made wonderful gift toward my salary,

I am sending you a little present, I hope it will reach your Office safely. It is a little (Brown Bear Dish) it could be used on your desk in your Office. My wife belonged to bear, So you see this is her picture, Ha, Ha,

May God Bless your Office,

Sincerely Yours

SGJ

Samuel G. Johnson

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December 12, 1940

AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In forwarding our Treasurer's check covering your salary for the month of December, I have been asked to call your attention to the fact that you have failed to file a voucher each month calling for your salary.

We sent you a supply of report blanks with vouchers attached like the sample enclosed. On the 15th of each month you will please make out your report giving all the information possible. Your report will cover the period from the 15th of one month to the 15th of the next, but the salary voucher should be made out for the current calendar month.

For example, the report you should file as of October 15th will cover the work done for the half month October 1st to 15th and the voucher will call for salary for the full month of October. The next report should cover the period from October 15th to November 15th and the voucher should call for salary for November.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Cordially yours,

HEW:DH
Enclosures 2

Angoon Alaska.
January 14, 1941

Rev.E.E.Bromley
Chairman of National Mission
Hoonah, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Bromley:

I have received a letter from Dr.King asking me for my monthly Voucher of Oct. and Nov. I think I have mailed you that for your approval of Oct. and Nov. report, As to my understanding every report has to go through N.M. Chairman's Office.

Enclosed the report of Dec. to Jan.14, 1941. This report shows of the flu we had in Angoon, The city Authority had ordered the town to stop public gathering and has been quarantined one full week.

An other thing you may notice in this report, There were two deaths of the Greek Russian Church members last month of which the Funeral Services have been held in our Church at the request of their members, Because they have no worker in their church here.

Our Angoon Sunday School have raised \$10.49 to-ward Princeton Fund in their Sunday School Program.

I have again received \$20.00 from Local Church Officers as my salary, Five Officers paid me, Elder Moses Jamestown, Geo. James, Geo.Klushkan, Willis George and Church Treasurer Mrs. A.A.Hamberg, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Giving you this names because I asking you this one favor to write them a letter of thanks for their faithful work in our church. Special thank to Mr.&Mrs.A.A.Hamberg they gave wonderful gift to our church on this Christmas, they gave ~~xxxxxxx~~ the Cross of ~~xxxxxx~~ Jesus in the beautiful glass stands which it blinks by electricity on Pulpit. So whenever you feel like to write a letter of thanks to these Church Officers, Would be better to Address to Mrs. A.A.hamberg.

Sincerely Yours,

Samuel G. Johnson
S.G.J.

ALASKA

October 30, 1941

Mr. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have notice from the Board of Christian Education that they are shipping to you 50 VESPER CHIMES for our church there at Angoon. I am quite sure that you will want to write directly to Mr. W. L. Jenkins, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and express the appreciation of the church for these books.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

ALASKA

November 7, 1941

AIRMAIL

Mr. Arthur Johnson
Kake, Alaska

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In checking over the contributions that the Alaskan churches in Southeast Alaska have made to the Princeton-Hall Boat Fund, we have been most encouraged to note that a large percent of all churches have made a contribution, totaling \$1265.31. However, we are disappointed to discover that we have not received any contribution from your church toward the construction of this boat. In order to make it 100% in Southeast Alaska, I am urging that your church make an offering and send it in to us directly or to Mr. Leslie Yaw at Sitka.

Cordially yours,

EBK:MCE

ALASKA

December 3, 1941

AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am sorry that there has been such a long delay in the mailing of your November check but we were awaiting word from Alaska as to the final set-up for the lay workers for this year. We are, therefore, now enclosing the Board's check for \$33.95, which is the amount due you up to November 30th. This figure was arrived at as follows:

Due for the period 10/15 to 10/31	\$32.15
Due for month of November	<u>\$4.30</u> (new monthly rate)
Total due up to November 30th	96.45
 Paid in October	 <u>\$2.50</u> (old monthly rate)
Balance due	\$33.95

It was necessary to pay just this half month since it is definitely the Board's policy to pay salaries from the first to the thirtieth of the month and not from the fifteenth to the fifteenth. Beginning with your December check you will receive the new rate of \$4.30 for the next five months and one-half month in May, thus completing the full seven months from October 15.

We sincerely trust that this long delay between checks has not caused you too much inconvenience.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

Angoon Alaska.
January 2, 1942

Everett B. King,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York N. Y.

Dear Mr. King:-

I Wish to express my hearty
Appreciation for the Spiritual
Diary book which I have
received from you some time
ago. Indeed enjoying the wonderful
thoughts out of this book and
helps in my preachings.

Wishing you all the joy of
this 1942 New Year's Season,

Yours Truly,

Samuel B. Johnson.

January 27, 1942

Mr. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Brother Johnson:

The Executive Committee of the Board of National Missions at its meeting January 15th, 1942 made available the amount of \$45,580. for salary adjustments. This action was retroactive. Where the adjustments are made payment will date back to October 1941.

I am very glad to tell you that we are giving you an additional salary for the year out of this fund in the amount of \$150. I hope that this increase in your salary will enable you to take care of the increased living cost which I know you are experiencing.

May the Lord continue to add His Blessing on you.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

LOVE OF GOD AND COUNTRY

BUGLE call -----Mr. Robert Willard

Prelude ----- Florence Wilson

Salutation -----by chairman Emma Hamberg

Processional -----by Missionary Society with National flag. Singing
The Star Spangled Banner-page 255

Congregation joins in the third & fourth stanzas.

Flag placed in position by Sophie & Mabel Johnson.

Moment of silence,

Prayers as follows- Mrs Archie Bell
Mrs John Nelson
Mrs George Klushkan

Unison prayer- God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night; When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save by
thy great might. Amen.

Recessional; Continue hymn The Star Spangled Banner (255)

Responsive Reading page 308

Hymn - America page (256)

Voices from the past-- Mayor Gamble - The Glory of Washington
Lieut. Paul - Quotations for the Red Cross
Joseph Johnson - Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Unison Prayer--Help us, O God, to love our country. Grant us grace to
cherish the ideals which made it possible and have given
it eminence among the nations. May the faith of our
fathers be our faith. Forgive us our personal and nat-
ional sins, and endow us with the patriotism that is
grounded in religion. For Jesus sake, we ask it. Amen.

Hymn - page 155, Faith of our fathers.

Prayer - Mrs Mollie Gamble
Offering -- Mrs Lucy DeAsis & Elsie Johns

Sermon -- Mrs Mabel Willard

Hymn - ~~America The Beautiful~~, page 254 162

Talk by President --Mrs Minnie Johnson

Closing hymn - Blest Be The Tie That Binds , page 171

Benediction --Elder Jamestown.

*from
Samuel Johnson*

Seattle Wash.
March 23, 1942

Everett B. King
156 1st ave.
New York.

Dear Brother Mr. King -

Your letter of January 15th
With the check was forwarded to me from
Angoon by Mrs. Johnson and it was
just came in time for my expenses
at Seattle. So I am taking this
opportunity of thanking you
for the raise on my salary.

I have been away from
Angoon in the last of January,
Leaving Angoon Church with my wife
and Elders.

My reason of being away
from my work, I have bought a new
skiff boat, it is larger and bigger
diesel power than the one I used
to owned, and I have converted
her former name unto "Good Tidings".
This is why I am late down here
With this boat, I had to change
her name thru Washington office.

My son came down to help me
Taking the boat up to Alaska,

Leaving Seattle April 6.

I have been trying hard to get her up to Alaska to take delegates to the presbytery meetings. But am sorry of delaying so late on account of overhauling her engine and few other necessary things about the boat.

But I know some day I shall be very glad to assist the Board of National Missions, with my new boat "Good Tidings".

This boat cost me \$15,000.00 75 HP Atlas Diesel, 56 X 15 ft 10 in. 26 tons.

I will be home by April 15th.
With Best Wishes.

Sincerely Your Brother
Samuel S. Johnson.

April 25, 1942

Mr. Samuel Johnson,
Angoon,
Alaska

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I was quite interested in reading your letter from Seattle telling me about the new boat you have purchased. I do trust that the new boat "Good Tidings" will have a long life and not only be of service to you, but be of service to the cause of the Kingdom.

As soon as you can, I wish you would take a picture of the boat and send it to me. I am very much interested in seeing it.

From the figures you have quoted in your letter, I judge you made a very good bargain in buying that type of boat. Certainly \$15,500.00 is not a big sum to pay for the type of boat you have gotten.

I shall be anxious to hear from you when you return to Angoon.

Cordially yours,

EBK:M

May 27, 1942

AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Our good friend, Rev. E. E. Bromley, has just told me that you donated the use of your boat, the Good Tidings, without cost in transporting the members of Presbytery and Presbyterial to Wrangell. I wish I could make you understand how much I appreciate this fine spirit and how much that spirit means to the Board of National Missions. The donation of the services of your boat is indicative of your fine heart and great spirit. I trust that the good Lord will add blessings that will enrich your life through the service of your boat.

Cordially yours,

EDK:McB
c.c. E. E. Bromley

August 19, 1942

AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Brother Johnson: *Handwritten: Thank you for the program*

Thank you for sending me a copy of the program that you used for the World Day of Prayer. I am sure the program was most helpful to the people who attended.

I have already received reports about the Presbytery trip and am deeply grateful to you for the great Christian service that you rendered in making this trip possible.

I am looking forward to receiving the picture of your new boat and I hope that I may receive it soon.

Cordially yours,

EBK:MCE

Angoon Alaska
June 2, 1942

Everett B. King
Board Of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Many thanks for \$171.40 in check which I received some time ago.

Next week I will be in Juneau and will take picture of my boat and will send you one as soon as I could.

Excuse for my poor report of Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. and May. as I put all in one sheet.

No doubt you may already have the report of our Presbytery trip which covered almost whole Alaska, Angoon, Sitka, Moonah, Juneau, Haines, Skugway, Petersburg and Wrangell. Returned the same way over again after the meeting. 132 just the running hours.

With Best Wishes

Sincerely Yours,

Samuel G. Johnson

Angoon Alaska.
Jan.1st, 1943

Rev.E.E.Bromley
Hoonah, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Bromley:

Here I'm sending you two months report December and
November. You will see that we have very poor report on our
Sunday School this year, The time Priest have visited Angoon
Every Sunday children go to Greek church. infact I think only 6
children are left in ~~xxxx~~ Angoon who are real member of our church
the majority are of Greek church. But we had a very fine xmas
Program with good attendance.

Wishing you all A Happy New Year.


Samuel G. Johnson

Angoon Alaska.
Jan.1st 1943

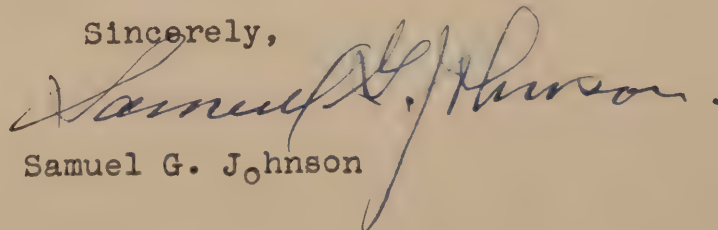
Everett B. King
Board Of National Missions
Of The Presbyterian Church
in The U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. King:

You have heard me purchasing A seine boat last year
down at Seattle, Here I'm sending you her picture which I
have promised you some time ago. This is the "'Good Tidings"
which took the Ministers and Delegates to the Presbtery Meetings
last spring covered over thousand miles in Presbytery trip in
Alaska.

Most all our church members have gone to different
Towns on defense work, which brought our church attendance low.
But we are trying the best we can to keep our church going
as usual. Wishing you A very Happy New Year and Every
Success in your Office, May God Bless you.

Sincerely,


Samuel G. Johnson

January 18, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Brother Johnson:

Today I received the picture of your "Good Tidings", and I am deeply indebted to you for thinking of me and for taking the time to send this picture. It is an interesting picture, and I shall keep it. There is no way to gauge the amount of good that will come from your using this boat as a Gospel Boat.

I am not at all surprised to read the report that most of your church members have gone to different towns on defense work, and that your church attendance is very low. This is true of many sections of our country. Since we are in the war we must use our efforts to bring it to a speedy close. This will mean that those of us who are not in the armed forces will have to make sacrifices along with the soldier boys.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

Angoon Alaska.
April 12, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King
Board Of National Missions
Of The Presbyterian Church
In The U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

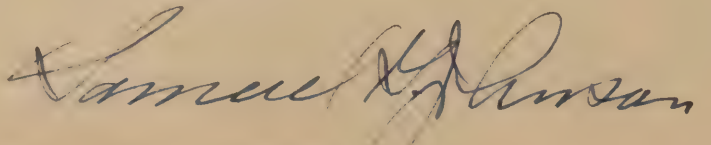
Dear Mr.King:

I have just returned home from Presbytery meeting held at Juneau. The boat (Good Tidings) have been on run with delegates same as last year. Mrs. Johnson and I, we are enclosing one hundred dollars in money order Donation to the Board Of National Missions which made out in your name, This to be added to the budgets of Sheldon Jackson School at Sitka and Children's Home at Haines House. Hope the Board Of National Missions will accept this little gift of our appreciation, For the Good work The Board is doing in supporting Sheldon Jackson School and Haines Children's Home.

This is ~~the money~~ half of the ~~money~~ charter money which paid out to (Good Tidings) ~~this~~ at this Presbytery Meeting.

May God Blessings shall rest upon your Office Of The Board Of National Missions at this Easter Season. With much Regards from both.

Sincerely,


Mr. & Mrs. Johnson
Angoon Alaska.

April 28, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

I do not know how to express my gratitude to you for the one hundred dollars, U. S. Postal Money Order, that has been received. In keeping with your request the money is being designated for Sheldon Jackson School and Haines Children's Home. I understand that this one hundred dollars represents one half of the charter money which was paid to the Good Tidings for service rendered in behalf of the Presbytery Meeting.

If only we had more Christians like you two, I think the world would be a finer place. May God richly reward you for your unselfishness, and may His Spirit continue to guide you through the days ahead.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

May 12, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed you will find our treasurer's receipt for \$100.00 representing your generous gift. You will note that the money has been applied to the Sheldon Jackson School and Haines House in keeping with your request.

Again let me express to you our sincere and profound appreciation for this gift. With the knowledge that it represents money earned by your boat "The Good Tidings", our appreciation is only increased.

I do not know whether I spoke to you in my other letter about Mr. Andrew Gamble or not, but anyway I would like you to know that I am proud of you in being able to lead this man into a position of service for the Master. I am sure that he will prove to be a great help in our Alaskan work.

May the Lord continue to richly bless you and use you in the days ahead.

Cordially yours,

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October 18, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson,
Angoon, Alaska.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

I have just heard of the great sorrow that has come in your home in the loss of your two boys. I am hastening to let you know that I sympathize with you and that I am remembering you in my daily prayers.

Many time in your ministry you have quoted these precious words of the Christ: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." Now I know that these same words with the promises will mean much to you and your wife.

Then, too, the old promise "as thy days so shall thy strength be" will come to you time and time again. Just remember that even though there are times when you feel that you cannot carry on that the Lord's promise is that as He gives you the days so will He give you the strength to live the days. The sun-rise of each new day is proof of God's promise that He will give you the strength to live that day.

Cordially yours,

HOONAH ALASKA
December 14, 1943

JAN 12 1944

Rev. Willis Booth
Juneau Alaska

Dear Willis:

Here is two weeks' Hoonah Church report, Dec.1st to 14.

My next report will be from Dec.15 to Jan.14 1944.

xYoungxxpeoplexxarexxdoingxxx

Young people are doing fine right now organizing church
Choir for Christmas.

Salvation army

This morning a native man by name Johnny Lee a StepFather
of Rev. George Betts died of old age, And his funeral took place at
Hoonah Presbyterian Church at the request of Salvation Army Captain
Frank St Clair, ~~Thexfinnerxixxxxxxxangxxing~~ And I had to conduct the
funeral Services at the church and at cemetery.

Sincerely,

Samuel G. Johnson
SGJ

Mrs. Johnson
Do you want to write to
Geo. Betts
M.K.

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Board Of National Missions
Of The Presbyterian Church
In The U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Jackman: have
l'm very happy to ~~receive~~ your good letter of December
in regard to the extra grant which I am to receive this year.

At this time I wish to thank The Board of National Missions for this additional grant, Please kindly accept my hearty Appreciation the same.

Wishing you and The Board Very Merry Christmas And
A Happy Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Samuel G. Johnson.
Samuel G. Johnson
Hoonah, Alaska

December 23, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. Samuel G. Johnson
Hoonah, Alaska

My dear Mr. Johnson:

When Dr. Keeler was in Alaska, he authorized the purchase of an electric light plant for your Church. We understand that this was to be ordered from the States, and the money was to be on hand by January 1 for payment for it, when it arrived. Therefore, we have forwarded to the Rev. Willis R. Booth, a check which will cover the amount of \$265.00 necessary for this payment. We wanted you to know the money is in Mr. Booth's hands, and provision has been made for this.

From Mr. Booth's report, we learned that you are back on the field, and are going forward with your work. I hope during the coming year to have the privilege of visiting with you and offering whatever help I can in your service.

Cordially yours,

JBJ/mk

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JAN 24 1944

Hoonah Alaska.
January 6, 1944

Mr.J. Earl Jackman
Secretary of the Board
National Missions
New York, N.Y.

My dear friend Mr.Jackman:

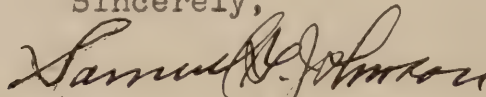
Thanking you very much for your letter of Dec.23.1943
of which I'm very happy to hear about the new light plant which
had been ordered for Hoonah Church.

The Hoonah U.S.Public School had been furnishing
lights for our Church and the Manse, Unfortunately the plant at
this school is broken down, We have been without lights one week
now. We are useing gas lights in our church and at the Manse,

Hoping the plant will arrive before very long that
~~xxxxxx~~ Mrs.Johnson she's not use to the gas lights at home Ha,Ha,

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Samuel G. Johnson
Hoonah Alaska.

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Hoonah Alaska.
Feb. 17, 1944.

Rev. Willis R. Booth
Juneau Alaska.

Dear Willis :

The enclosed is the report of months January and February.

At this time in behave of our Hoonah Presbyterian Church
I'm taken this opportunity of thanking the Board of National Missions
and Presbytery of Alaska for purchasing the light plant for our
Hoonah Presbyterian Church and the Manse. which plant is now giving
our Church and Manse very satisfactory in its operation. Please
accept our gratitude and appreciation the same.

You may notice in my report that I am working together with
Salvation Army. We have our Church services with the Army in our Church
Sunday morning and at 3pm at Army hall and in the Evening service
back at our church again. at every Sunday they are with us in our Church.

Sincerely,

S. G. Johnson

S.G. Johnson
Hoonah Presbyterian Church
Hoonah Alaska.
P.O. Box 183

JUL 17 1944

Superior Packing CO.
Tenakee, Alaska
July 9, 1944

Alaska

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
In the U.S.A..
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Rev. Earl Jackman

Dear Brother:

Glad to have your wire asking about Hoonah fire. No doubt you have already know how the whole town of Hoonah destroyed by fire. The Presbyterian Church and the Manse burned to ashes. \$350.00 worth of our things burned up with Manse. including my set of books. Will be glad to hear from you, what you plan will be for the coming church year. We left Hoonah May 15 which was the end of my church work this year, and the year before was the same. I'm telling ~~this~~ this because I don't understand this check which I received again for the month of June. I know this maybe by misstake because this is outside of my salary. However, I wish to thank the Board of National Missions for this Check, I'm badly in need of money, but can not cash it, So here returning it back to the Board.

Sincerely,

Samuel G. Johnson
Samuel G. Johnson
Incare Superior PKG. CO.
Tenakee Alaska

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and Jim
paid 7/17/44*

July 17, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel G. Johnson
c/o Superior Pkg. Co.
Tanakoo, Alaska

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your letter of July ninth telling us where you are and what happened to you through the fire. I have been concerned about you and am glad to have your report.

The loss of your goods and the manse brings the question to my mind as to whether or not you had any insurance. If you did have it might be possible for you to recover part of the cost of your loss, but if not I would consider asking the Board to make some advance and share this loss with you. Also we might help you get some more books at a reduced price.

We appreciate your fine conscience in returning the check of the Board. There seems to be some difficulty in regard to this but our Treasury records show it belongs to you and in the light of your recent loss we want you to have it. We are returning it for your use.

We have not had a report yet as to what will happen in Hoonah in the future. If the government decides to rebuild the village we shall want to rebuild our Church and manse. We are waiting for the settlement of our insurance claims and the decision about the village before anything is done. Hoonah has been one of our oldest Churches and we certainly want to keep faith with our people there.

As to your own future service with the Board, we want you next Fall some place. If it seems wise and you would have a place to live we would want you to return to Hoonah or if we are in the process of rebuilding the Church it might be that we might ask someone who has some building experience to go there to supervise the rebuilding of the Church. In that case we would ask you to serve some place else. I am not prepared at the moment to say where it might be; we shall have to await developments.

Two other things have happened which are in the picture. Craig has asked for a minister or lay-worker and William Daguqua has asked to be transferred from the Kake Church because it is his home Church. Out of these developments there

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Mr. Samuel G. Johnson

July 17, 1944

will come a place for you and we want you to make your plans for service again next year.

If it is possible I would like to use our lay-workers on a nine months basis again providing they are available. This would start the middle of September and end the middle of June. Because of the upset at Hoonah, we may not be able to establish this for you as early as September fifteenth but we will work in that direction.

We shall keep in touch with you and try to work these things out. We are hopeful that the Princeton-Hall may be back in our hands by the first of September and we will have the advantage of the boat and the Rev. Mr. Prouty on the boat to work out some of our details.

Kindest regards to you and Mrs. Johnson.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Superior PKg. Co.
Tenakee Alaska
July 30, 1944

Rev. Earl Jackman

Board Of National Missions
Of Presbyterian Church in the
U.S. of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I have your letter of July 17 with the enclosed \$101.00 check which you have returned it to us, in the loss of our goods. Mrs. Johnson had lost her electric washer, and she thanked the Board and you for remembering us in this fire destruction. We appreciate very much of your kind words in your nice welcome letter.

We have been in hope to return to Hoonah for Winter again this is the reason why we lost our goods in Hoonah fire. Even after this fire we been hoping to return to Hoonah, But since there will be no place or house to live in Hoonah, I will be glad to go to Kake.

Right after Hoonah fire I have collected \$213.00 in helping Hoonah people in their loss.

I have too much money invested in fishing boat and gears, for this reason I like to keep on fishing in Fall until Oct. 15th. We are having very poor season this year, but expecting good run of fish toward fall fishing.

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Always after we quit fishing, we have put up food for Winter. Especially in this War time, This is what always makes me late in starting Church work in every year.

Sincerely,

Samuel G. Johnson
Samuel G. Johnson

September 11, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel G. Johnson
Superior Pkg. Co.
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sam:

You will be interested to know about the plans which are developing at Hoonah for this Fall. Mr. Booth has written me that the Office of Indian Affairs is planning to rebuild the village in a permanent way at a later time. Meanwhile, they are getting some arary huts for housing and community buildings for this winter.

The Office of Indian Affairs has offered us the privilege of paying for demounting and reassembling a large Quonset hut on land across the street from our Church as a community building but with the exclusive right to the Presbyterians of using it for religious services during this transition period. We have decided to accept this proposition for the present.

The Office also is ready to make available a similar hut to be erected on the manse property for our use during this period. They have you listed as one of the families who lost their home in the fire and a hut is to be made available. We shall want you to return to Hoonah as early as possible and participate in these arrangements for the hut on the manse property. It may be possible you will want to communicate with Mr. Booth who is taking care of these arrangements through the office in Juneau. It may be necessary for us to help you secure some furniture in order to occupy the hut for the winter.

Let us know what your arrangements are for your return to Hoonah so that we can begin your salary at the time of your service. If you can extend your period of service this year to eight or nine months, we will try to make provision for it in our budget. We feel that our service ought to be as nearly the full year as possible.

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Mr. Samuel G. Johnson

September 11, 1944

We hope you have had a good summer with your boat and that you and your wife have enjoyed good health and rich blessings.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Angoon Alaska
Sept. 27, 1944

Rev. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Thanking you for your letter of September 11, Which came to me
at Angoon.

Yes, Rev. Booth has told me all about the plans for Hoonah
for this coming Winter,

Expecting to go for Fall fishing again which starts Oct. 9
but not knowing for how long, it depends on fish.

I appreciate the length of time of service in the Field
which you have offered me, But as being a fisherman, you have to excuse
me for not going over to Hoonah rightaway.

I believe I will be in Hoonah in the same length of time as
last year.

Sincerely

Samuel G. Johnson
Samuel G. Johnson

October 13, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel C. Johnson

Angoon, Alaska

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your letter of September twenty-seventh about your plans. We recognize the fact that you are a fisherman and have some things to take care of before you lay aside your art of fishing for fish and begin again to give your full time to fishing for men.

Let us know when you are returning to Hoonah and we will take up the matter of your salary at that time. We hope you will be back as soon after October fifteenth as possible but realize that you may be delayed until the end of the month.

There will be a real job awaiting you there which will call forth all of the devotion and hard work which you possess. We are depending a great deal upon you in the uncertain condition at Hoonah to cooperate in getting a Yakutat hut in which to live and in carrying on services in the Quonset hut for the community building. Much needs to be done among the people at this time and we are sure you will give your best for a constructive leadership in the Church and community in every way possible. Knowing your people as you do you ought to be most helpful to them and to the Church program.

We are arranging for your salary to be the same as it was last year. We are continuing to ask the local congregations to agree to bear a part of the support of their minister in so far as they are able to do this. We had hoped for this at Hoonah this year but realize with the great tragedy and the heavy expenses which faces so many of them may not prompt them to do very much about it. However, if they can care for their local expenses and assume as much as \$100 of your salary during the year it would be a great help to us and to them. We have more mission work to be done this year in Alaska than we have funds to do it and every help toward the support of our missionary which can be given will allow us

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Mr. Samuel G. Johnson

October 13, 1944

to do additional work.

Blessings upon you and your good wife and sincere hopes for a great ministry in the face of discouraging circumstances.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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P.S. When we stop to consider the small possibility of having your congregation raise \$100 toward your support, we better make your monthly payments from the Board a little larger so we are suggesting \$110.-- a month for the seven month period this year. If the congregation can pay something toward your support then we will adjust this near the end of the period of service.

Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

December 13, 1944

Rev. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Re: Sam Johnson's salary
cheque already received.

Dear Earl:

Today, Sam Johnson asked me what to do with his salary cheque he has recently received. To date, the only service he has rendered the Church has been one week end at Hoonah and one week at Angoon while Andrew Gamble was in attendance on the Alaska Native Brotherhood convention. Meanwhile he has not been living at Hoonah.

If you desire, this cheque might be used to pay the men who dismantle and reassemble the dwelling for the lay-worker. Sam is willing for this to be done.

Perhaps it would be a good thing for his future work to consist primarily of getting that house put up. In this way, Sam will be at Hoonah to serve the people while at the same time he is working on his house. His helpers would have to be paid from other funds.

Please let me have your instructions.

Sincerely yours,

Willis

12-26-1944 Mr. Jackman wrote Willis Booth re above as follows:

"I have wirtten to Paul Prouty authorizing the use of Sam Johnson's salary check for labor in this construction work. We can straighten this out later. I would rather allow his check to go forward regularly until such time as he will be located there in service again. The amount which he receives prior to his return to the field can be used for this purpose and we will adjust our financial matters here. We would agree with you that Sam should be on the job in the interests of Hoonah as early as possible. Let his salary go toward his labor on the building and ask Paul to write us a report for the final financial adjustment."

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Juneau Alaska
Dec. 20, 1944

Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Earl:

On November 29, Rev. Proudly and I held a church service in Hoonah in the U.S. School house, stoped there over night on Mission boat Princeton Hall. I tryed to rent a house there but there was no house available. In the mean time we are informed from the Gov. Hospital about our sick boy, who have been in the Hospital the last three years was very low, under very serous condition. at the request of the Dr. Mrs. Johnson in every three O'clock in the afternoon she has to be in her son's bed side. In the mean time \$108.00 in check for Oct. 24 to Nov. 24 for my salary came to me from Hoonah and through Angoon and Juneau. For not being in the field, I didn't aproved of holding this check. I was just about ready to return this check, I was advised by Rev. Willis Booth, to hold the check and pay the men who will work on the moving the Army huts to Hoonah for Temp. Manse. So I did the work with my three boys, Walter Johnson, Herbert Johnson, Wilbur Johnson and myself. 15 hrs. each at dollar an hr. we torn down five Army huts and still out at duck creek, as I understand according to Rev. Booth there is no fund available for that. all I have ~~been getting~~ been getting nothing but informations from Rev. Booth, nothing has been started toward Hoonah Minister's house. I paid the boys \$15.00 each \$60.00 paid out of \$108.00 leaving balance \$48.00 Please advise at once if there any fund for Hoonah minister's Qtr. I will hold this \$48.00 for further instruction from the Board or will turn it over to Rev. Booth. for I have been waiting to hear from the Board about the house, Now cold weather has come. While we are here in Juneau ~~watching our sick boy~~ with Mrs. Johnson watching our sick boy, I have starting to work with others on Community Building for Hoonah, for Indian Office of Juneau. Also will work on tearing down building for Hoonah Salvation Army Hall.

Please remember my family in prayers,
Wishing you and the Board A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Sincerely

Samuel G. Johnson

Address

Samuel G. Johnson
Juneau Alaska
Boat 'Good Tidings'

furniture

December 27, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel G. Johnson
Boat "Good Tidings"
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your letter of December twentieth in regard to developments for your return to Hoonah.

We have written to Mr. Booth and Mr. Prouty to use the salary check which you received for the labor costs in getting the huts to Hoonah to be erected for a temporary house for you and your family. We would suggest that your check should continue to come and be used for that purpose until you are ready to get settled in the house and resume your ministry in the Church.

Before Mr. Prouty arrived in Juneau, we had asked Mr. Booth to look after our interests in regard to Hoonah so that he will be dealing with the Office of Indian Affairs on these matters for sometime to come. We are expecting Mr. Prouty to help you with the arrangements in getting settled. We hope things will be moving forward rapidly now for your return.

When the temporary house is ready we will need to do something in providing furniture for the family. Whatever furniture is secured we hope will be purchased with the idea of using it in the manse when it is rebuilt or else it should be second hand furniture which would be useable during the temporary period until the manse can be rebuilt and furnished. We shall ask Mr. Booth and Mr. Prouty to work this out with you.

We regret to hear of the serious illness of your son in the government hospital. We trust that God will watch over all of you and we know that He cares for each one of you in this trying time. We ask always that His will shall be done because we know it will be best for each of us.

Kindest regards to all your family and best wishes to all of you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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May 22, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel Johnson
Angoon, Alaska

Dear Sam:

Recently we received your report for the winter's work. We had been wondering what had become of you and why you did not send reports for the winter. After seeing you in Juneau, I realized that you have had a lot of personal trouble this last year and we sympathize with you and your wife sincerely in that trouble. We missed you at the meeting of Presbytery and I later inquired coming through Juneau concerning the outcome of your son's case. It was not then finally settled and we are still thinking of you in it.

The record of your work for last winter is not very good. When I say that, I am still conscious of the trouble which you have had and we are willing to make many allowances for it. You were appointed to hold services in Hoonah and yet your report shows that you have been running all over southeastern Alaska. We do not doubt but that you have done some good any place you have gone for that is your purpose but still you have not stuck to your job at Hoonah.

During our brief visit in Juneau you asked to be transferred to Klukwan next Fall. The Committee considered this when it met at Presbytery but felt that we could not wait until after the meeting of the A.N.B. for you to settle there. Under the circumstances it was necessary to have someone there the middle of September so the Committee voted to recommend that Cyrus Peck be sent there at that time. Cyrus probably will come out with the delegates for the Fall meeting of the A.N.B. but he will be settled at an early date to get the work started.

The Committee has recommended that you be assigned to Kake for next winter and the Presbytery accepted their recommendation. We shall want to hear from you whether you will accept the appointment at Kake and whether you will devote yourself to the ministry of that Church and community beginning the middle or end of September. We want you there just as early as possible because there is much work to be done with the people and with the

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Mr. Samuel Johnson

May 22, 1945

Church and manse buildings. We have a little money available for repairs on the Church and manse. We would ask you to lead the people of the congregation in this program of repairs as well as the spiritual ministry through the Church. You will probably want to go to the A.N.B. Convention at Angoon but we want you to be established at Kake for your ministry.

We do not know where to address you with this letter but we are sending it to Angoon with a copy to Juneau. We do not know when you will go fishing but presume you will be located at Tenakee again for the summer. Let us hear from you concerning your plans and your difficulties. Again may I say we heartily sympathize with you in all your trouble but feel that we ought to get our relationship straightened out for a more effective ministry next winter.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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CC to Juneau, Alaska

March 13, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel G. Johnson
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Sam:

We regret very much to receive the information from Mr. Prouty of the death of your son, Harold, in the hospital in Juneau. This must have been a long period of anxious waiting for your family as his days grew short and he finally left you. This is a time of the testing of your own faith but as we pass through these experiences we realize what it means to have our faith in Christ and we realize the value of our ministry to other people as they pass through these same experiences. We trust that the Lord has given you the presence of His Comforter to sustain and guide you through this experience.

Mr. Prouty has written us that you have been very generous about sharing each month's pay from the Board in the cause of our work in the readjustment at Hoonah. You have always been most generous about the use of your equipment and in your attitude toward our work. This is real evidence of your consecration to the cause of Christ in your ministry.

We are reminded of the fact that we have \$65.- on hand which has been specifically designated to help you buy furniture when you get settled. We are wondering what progress you are making and hope we may hear from you soon telling us about your activities.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Superior Cannery,
Tenakee, Alaska
June 18, 1945

Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y.
Rev. Earl Jackman,

Dear Earl:

I have your letter some time ago in which you tells about my last year's church work. also told my appointment for Kake .

I'm very sorry to disappoint you at this time, I wanted to be on vacation for this coming year, There's lot of things on my hand that I have to attend to, before and after Angoon ANB Convention.

I think you have to find a worker in my place for Kake this coming year. and maybe a year after I will be able to work for the Board again.

I'm sure you will be able to bear with me until such time that I will be glad to work again. For I love this church work among my people.

If I do the ~~work~~ church work the same time, my work will be the same as this last year. I hope this will agree with you.

Remember my family in your prayers.

Sincerely Yours,

Samuel G. Johnson
Samuel G. Johnson

*shall his
salary be paid
for Sept. ?
yes*

June 28, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Samuel G. Johnson
Superior Cannery
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your promptness in replying about work next winter. I am sorry that you feel it necessary to take next year off and have so many problems in your own family that you will not be able to be with us. You have served a number of years with the Board and we feel that you belong in that service.

We do sympathize with you in all your personal problems and hope that they may work out well. We hope the Lord will bless you and guide you as you try to take care of these matters. We shall be glad to hear from you occasionally to know how you are getting along.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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